

Food and Drug Administration College Park, MD 20740

December 14, 2004

Jane Houlihan Arianne Callender Environmental Working Group 1436 U Street, N.W., Suite 100 Washington, DC 20009

Re: Docket No. 2004P-0266/CP1

Dear Ms. Houlihan and Ms. Callender:

This refers to your citizen petition dated June 14, 2004, and filed on June 17, 2004, under docket number 2004P-0266/CP1, requesting the Food and Drug Administration to take immediate action to cease the unlawful distribution of misbranded, adulterated, and unlabeled cosmetics.

The purpose of this response is to advise you, in accordance with 21 CFR § 10.30(e) (2), that we are currently in the process of reviewing your petition. However, we have not been able to reach a decision on your petition within the first 180 days of its receipt.

We will contact you when our review of the petition has been completed, at which time we will inform you of any actions, the Agency feels are appropriate.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Katz, M.D., M.P.H.

Director

Office of Cosmetics and Colors

Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

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